AN ORDINANCE OF THE Lords and Commons Assembled in PARLIAMENT For the Raising and Collecting of Two thousand pounds, for and towards the Redemption of Distressed CAPTIVES

Die Martis, 8. July, 1645.

Ordered by the Lords and Commons Assembled in Parliament, that this Ordinance be forthwith Printed and Published.

Jo: Brown, Cleric. Parliamentorum.

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WHereas by an Act made this present Parliament, Intituled an Act for the relief of the Captives taken by Turkish, Moorish, and other Pirats, And to prevent the taking of others in time to come, a Subsidy of one per Cent. was imposed on all goods and Merchandize exported out of, or imported into this Kingdom of England and Dominion of Wales, Which was to be one first part more then the Customes and Subsidy of Tonnage and Poundage, according to the Book of Rates: Since the Passing of which Act, the House of Commons by Order of the tenth of March 1641. for divers reasons did Order, That Bonds should be taken by the Collectors of that duty to stand to the Order of Parliament; And whereas both Houses of Parliament intending to carry on that good Work, did on the 24. of October 1644. Order, that only one fourth

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being one shilling in every twenty shillings Custome, should be paid by the respective Merchants of the City of London; having by their Petition set forth ỳ great inconvenient that might happen, as well in relation to the Advancement of the work, as to the unequall burthen that might rest upon the well-affected Merchants, in regard sundry persons ill disposed to that work, and dis-affected to the Parliament, did, during the time of the said Act, make ill use of the favour of the Parliament; and did fraudulently make entry of their goods in the names of insolvent and unknown persons, by whom Bonds were likewise sealed. And the duty being now required, no such persons appear, nor moneys can be collected for the carrying on of that work; yet the said well-affected Merchants being desirous that the Work might go on, are ready not only by way of Advance forthwith to pay in all such moneys as they themselves owe upon those Bonds, but likewise desiring to discover the Names of those ill-affected persons, and to use their best endeavors to re-

cover in the moneys due upon such Bonds so as they might be enabled by an Ordinance of Parliament for continuance of that duty of one fourth per Cent. for another year to reimburse themselves out of the one moyety of the Collections of that duty or otherwise all such moneys as they shall pay in and advance as aforesaid. It is therefore Ordained by the Lords and Commons assembled in Parliament; That Samuel Avery, Esquire, Alderman of the City of London, Walter Pell, Robert Lowther Rouland Wilson Senior, Thomas Hodges, William Merhold, Edmund Calon, Robert Abdy, Samuel Mico, Charles Snelling, Richard Leg, Thomas Rich, Jonathan Andrews, Nathaniel Wright, Thomas Burnell, Richard Chiverton, Nathan Wright, Richard Hill, Benjamin Delannoy, William Vincent, Henry Hunt and Hugh Wood or any three of them shall be a Committee, and have power to receive from the Chamberlain of London, who is hereby required to deliver all such Bonds of Merchants heretofore taken for the satisfying of that duty by vertue of the said Order of the 10. of March 1644. And shall have

the said Bonds, and the overplus if any shall be, to return it to the parties so refusing. And for the better execution of this service, they shall have power to send for parties, witnesses, other then Peeres, papers, and Records at a certain time and place, where they shall constantly sit. And it is further Ordained, That after the sum of Ten thousand pounds shall be raised and Collected upon the said Bonds, for the carrying on the said work, such Merchants shall not, as before the said 24. day of July, pay in their said moneys in obedience to this Ordinance, shall detayne the same out of the surplus of such moneys, as shall arise upon the said Bonds in turn as they are to pay in their moneys, and what part shall be wanting for the full contribution of every particular Merchant, shall be paid out of the one moyety of the Rents that shall be Collected in the Port of London, by an Ordinance of Parliament passed this present day, for the continuance of the said duty of one fourth of one per Cent. from the 10. of December next ensuing. Provided, if any Merchants shall not

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pay in the whole Sum by him Bonded, on or before the 24. of July as aforesaid, shall not enjoy the benefit of this Grant, but shall pay the whole Duty as if no Bond had been given.

And it is further Ordained, That the said Committee shall have power to appoint a Treasurer to receive and dispose of such moneys as shall be raised by the said Bonds as he shall receive order from time to time from the Committee of the Navy appointed by Parliament, which shall be to hear a reasonable discharge, and to employ such other person or persons in the execution of this service, and to give such reward for their care and pains, as to them with the approbation of the Committee of the Navy shall be thought fit.

Lastly, it is Ordained, That if after the said 24. day of July, any person or persons shall be discovered eluding of the said Ordinance of Parliament for the payment of that duty to have made fraudulent entries, and to cause bonds to be given in the names of unknown or insolvent persons, such persons so discovered shall be liable to the penalty of the said bonds, and to such fur-

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